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SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" How many cycle-rickshaws are plying in Kancheepuram ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" About one hundred."

P.C.C. Society, Irikkur, Kottayam taluk

* 962 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN (on behalf of Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the local M.L.A. and others regarding the alleged misappropriation and mismanagement of the Irikkur Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon ?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) A report was called for from the Collector of Malabar. He reported that an enquiry into the affairs of the Irikkur Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society had already been ordered under section 38 of the Madras Co-operative Societies Act, 1932, that criminal proceedings had already been instituted for misappropriation of the funds of the society and that the Board of Directors had taken steps to convene general body meetings but that no meeting could be held as there was no quorum. In the circumstances the Government considered that no further action was called for. The M.L.A. who made the representation was also informed accordingly."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know the amount misappropriated and whether the person concerned is a Congressman ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The amount is nine thousand rupees. I do not know whether the person concerned belongs to the Congress or the Praja Socialist Party, or any other party."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Are the Government aware that this society has long been managed by a party supported by Communists ? "

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" On a point of personal explanation, Sir. It is not supported by the Communist Party."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I presume the Hon. Member Sri Kurup's information must be correct."